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# INFAMOUS IRON MAN™

THE RISE OF  
DOOM

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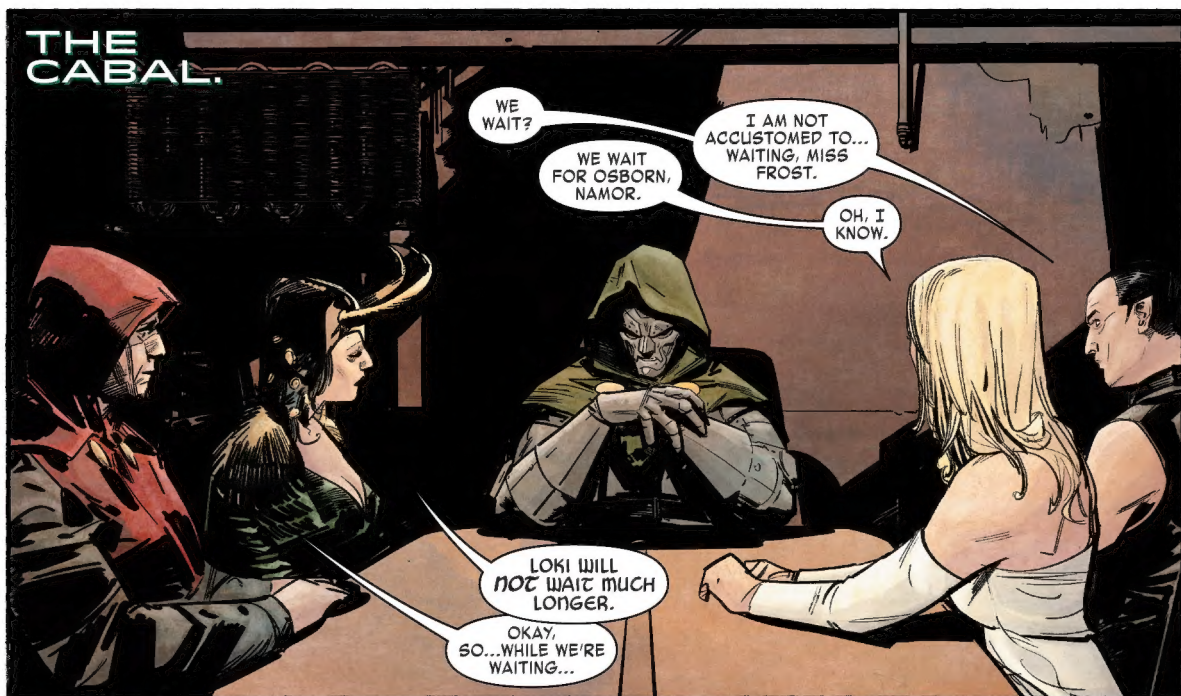
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# THE CABAL.



WE  
WAIT?

WE WAIT  
FOR OSBORN,  
NAMOR.

I AM NOT  
ACCUSTOMED TO...  
WAITING, MISS  
FROST.

OH, I  
KNOW.

LOKI WILL  
NOT WAIT MUCH  
LONGER.

OKAY,  
SO...WHILE WE'RE  
WAITING...



...I HAVE A  
QUESTION OR TWO  
FOR DOCTOR DOOM  
HERE.

SO YOU  
KNOW I'M KIND  
OF NEW TO THE  
GAME...

...BUT BEING  
THAT MY POWER IS  
SOMEWHAT DARK AND  
MYSTICAL IN ORIGIN, I'VE  
BEEN DOING A LOT  
OF READING.

DEEP  
READING.



I'M REALLY DISCOVERING A LOT  
ABOUT THE UNDERWORLD,  
DEMONOLOGY...

...AND  
I READ SOMETHING  
ABOUT OUR DOCTOR  
DOOM HERE.

IS IT TRUE,  
DOCTOR, THAT YOUR  
MOTHER WAS TAKEN FROM  
YOU BY A LOWER DEMON SPIRIT  
AND YOU EVENTUALLY BATTLED  
THAT DEMON, WON, AND  
SET HER FREE?

IS THAT  
TRUE?







HEY,  
SERIOUSLY, DOOM, I'M  
A HUGE FAN.

I  
REALLY AM. I'M  
ASKING.

IS IT  
TRUE?

BECAUSE  
THAT IS  
AMAZING.



IN CASE  
YOU'RE NOT  
PICKING UP THE  
SOCIAL CUES,  
HOOP--

--DOOM  
IS GOING TO  
MURDER YOU IF  
YOU DON'T STOP  
TALKING.



I JUST  
WANTED TO  
KNOW!

I READ  
IT IN A HIDDEN  
TEXT...I WANTED  
TO KNOW.



MY  
MOTHER'S NAME  
WILL NOT BE SPOKEN  
BY YOU, PARKER  
ROBBINS.



I--  
I WAS  
JUST WONDERING  
IF YOU BEAT A  
DEMON.



I  
HAVE.

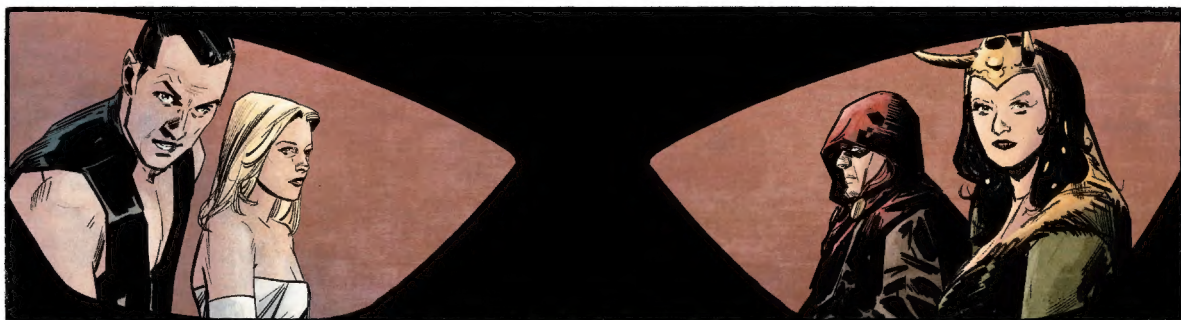
AND  
NOW YOU WILL  
CEASE YOUR  
PRATTLE.



SO HERE'S  
THE QUESTION,  
THOUGH...

...IF  
THAT'S TRUE,  
AT THIS POINT,  
WHAT MAKES  
YOU YOU?









# INFAMOUS IRON MAN



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Before the second super hero Civil War, billionaire playboy and genius industrialist Tony Stark used a powerful suit of armor of his own invention to protect the world as the invincible Avenger **IRON MAN**.

For reasons that remain his own, the powerful former super villain Doctor Doom assisted Iron Man in averting several world-ending catastrophes.

But Civil War II had dire consequences for Tony Stark, leaving Doom's mysterious mission unfinished...

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I READ AN ARTICLE ONLINE RECENTLY...

...RANKING THE MOST FEARED SUPER-POWERED TERRORISTS OF ALL TIME.

I WASN'T ON IT.



I HAVE TO SAY, I WAS PRETTY DISAPPOINTED.

NOT THAT I WANT TO BE LABELED A TERRORIST... OR A MADMAN...OR ANY OF THE OTHER PEDESTRIAN LABELS THE CARTOON MEDIA LIKES TO DROP ON THINGS THEY CAN'T BE BOTHERED TO UNDERSTAND.



BUT I WAS HURT.

MY EGO WAS BRUISED.

ALL THE FINELY CRAFTED TROUBLE I HAVE CAUSED YOU AND YOURS OVER THE YEARS AND I SEE MISTER NEGATIVE ON THE LIST AND NOT ME?



BUT THEN IT OCCURRED TO ME--MAYBE I HAVEN'T GIVEN THEM, OR YOU, OR ANYONE A REASON TO THINK OF ME LATELY.

IT'S SHOW BUSINESS...I UNDERSTAND IT.



WE LIVE IN A "WHAT HAVE YOU DONE LATELY" WORLD, AND MAYBE I JUST HAVE NOT DONE ENOUGH LATELY.

WELL, AFTER THIS, I THINK THE NAME **PIABLO** WILL ONCE AGAIN STRIKE FEAR IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THOSE WHO NEED A LITTLE FEAR STRUCK INTO THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS.



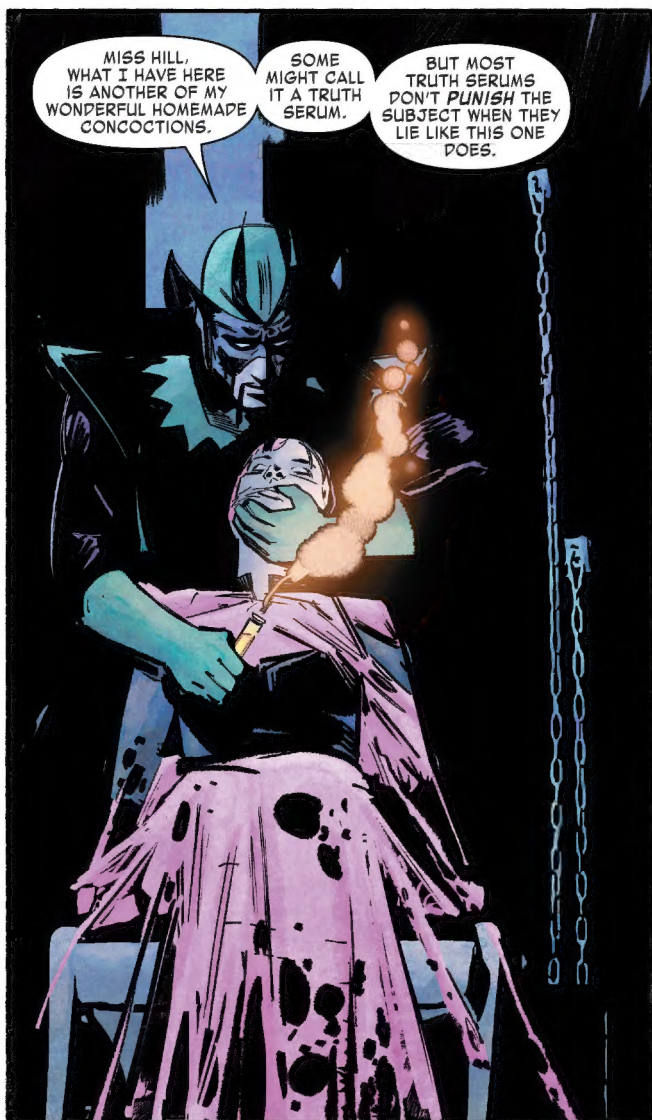
AND EVEN THOUGH IT WAS NOT EASY TO PULL OFF...

...KIDNAPPING THE DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D. ACTUALLY ISN'T IT.

AS DIFFICULT AS IT WAS TO SUBDUCE YOU... THIS IS JUST A PREQUEL.

AN APPETIZER.





MISS HILL, WHAT I HAVE HERE IS ANOTHER OF MY WONDERFUL HOMEMADE CONCOCTIONS.

SOME MIGHT CALL IT A TRUTH SERUM.

BUT MOST TRUTH SERUMS DON'T *PUNISH* THE SUBJECT WHEN THEY LIE LIKE THIS ONE DOES.



IT'S A CONCOCTION THAT SHOULD EASILY COUNTERACT WHATEVER THE HIGH COMMAND OF S.H.I.E.L.D. GIVES YOU AND YOURS IN CASE OF SUCH AN EVENT...



...AS YOU BEING KIDNAPPED AND HELD BY A MASTER CRIMINAL LIKE MYSELF.

THIS WILL FREE YOUR MIND AND OPEN YOU UP TO SPEAK THE TRUTH.



AND I KNOW, BEYOND BEING A HIGH-RANKING S.H.I.E.L.D. OFFICER, YOU ARE A WOMAN...

...SO THE TRUTH MIGHT BE A LITTLE HARD FOR YOU TO CONJURE.

MISS HILL... I WOULD LIKE YOU TO GIVE ME ALL THE SECURITY COPE CLEARANCES FOR EACH OF THE ACTIVE HELICARRIERS AND THE TRISKELION.



AND I KNOW YOU WANT TO STRUGGLE AND SWEAR AND CALL ME NAMES AND FIGHT ME...

...BUT THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAS EVER GOTTEN THE BETTER OF ME IS REED RICHARDS, AND I'VE HEARD HE IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

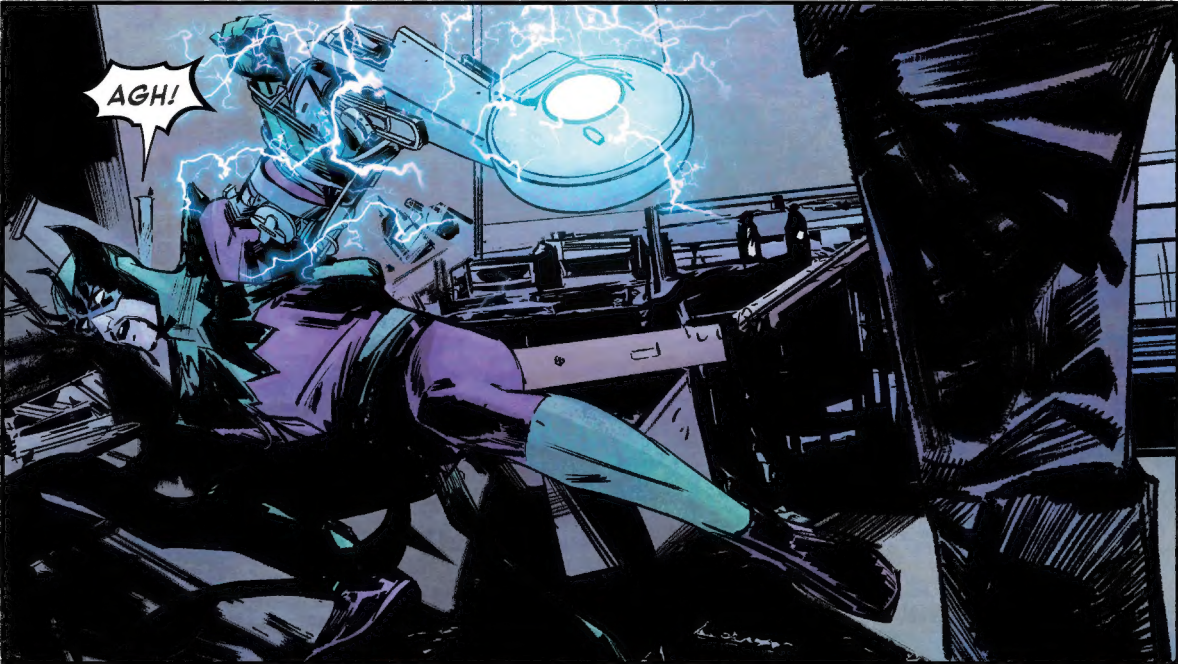


WELL, THAT LAST PART IS HARDLY TRUE, ESTEBAN.

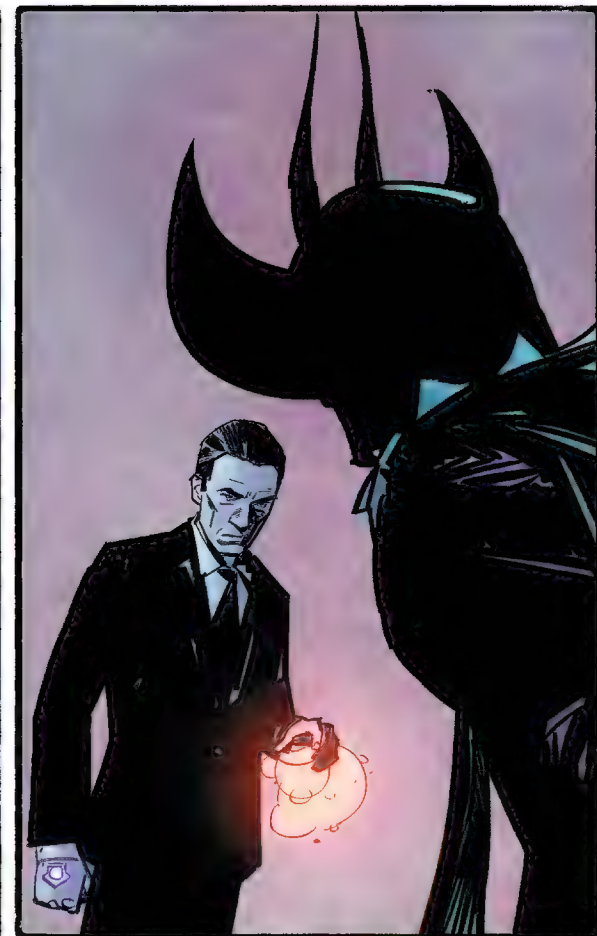
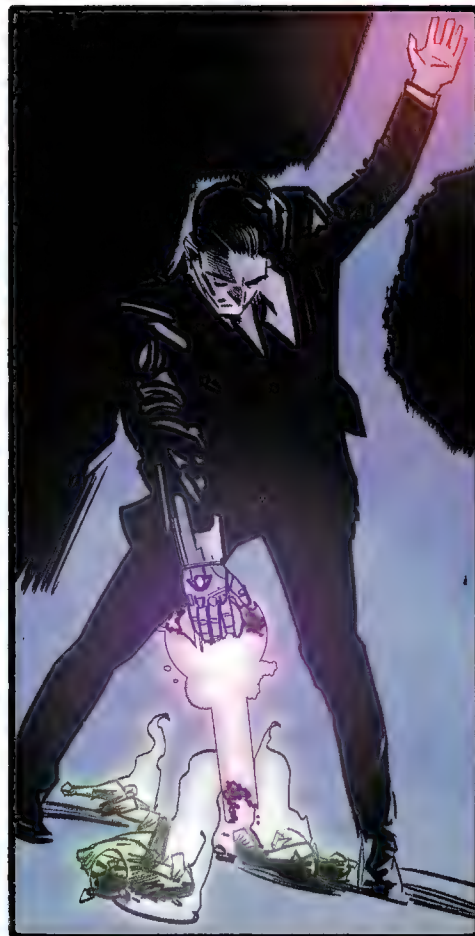
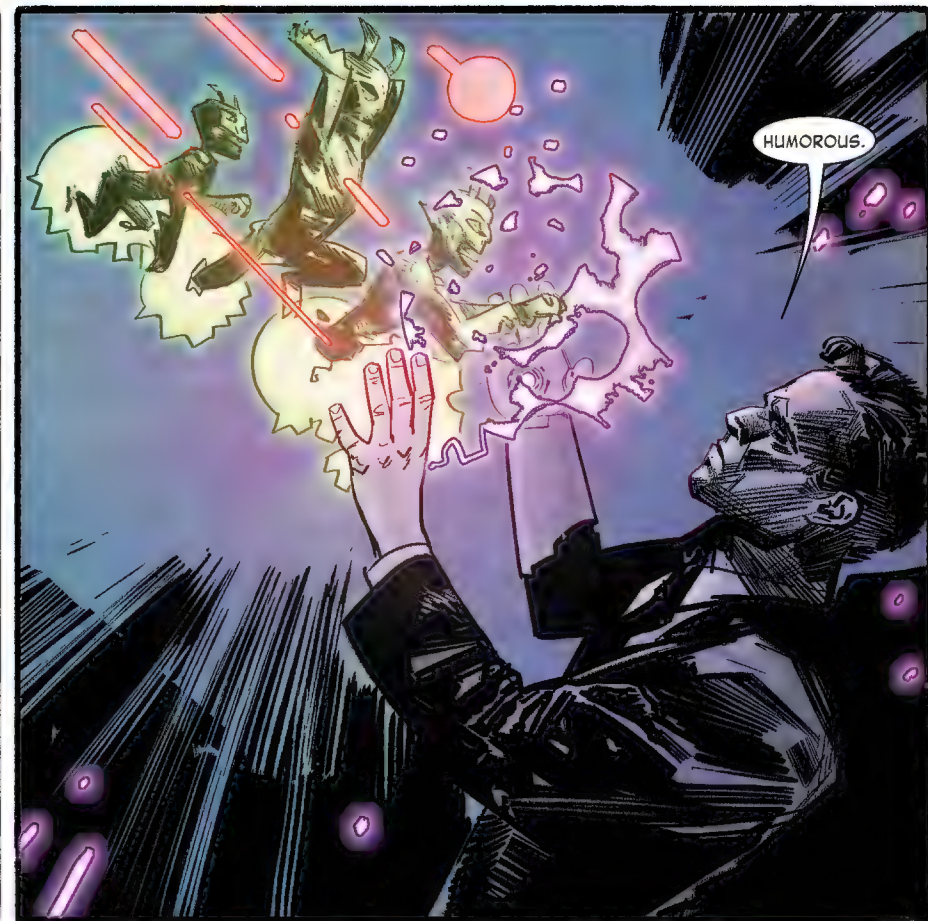
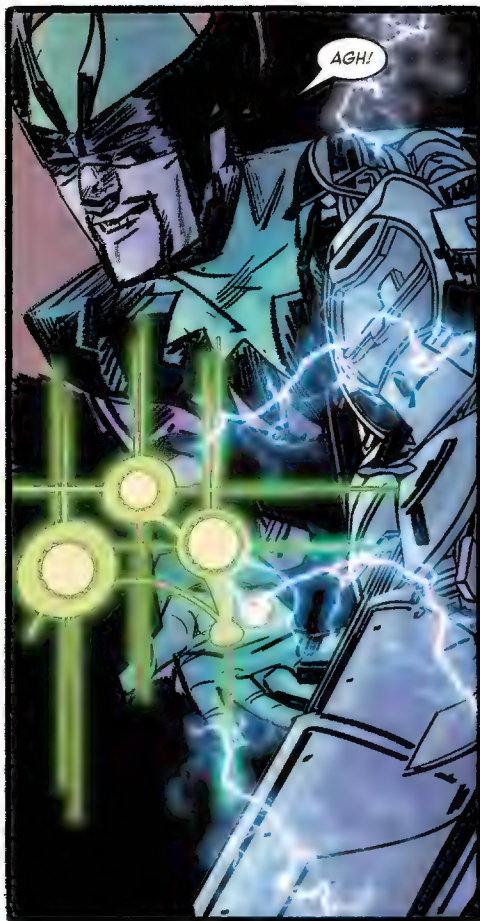




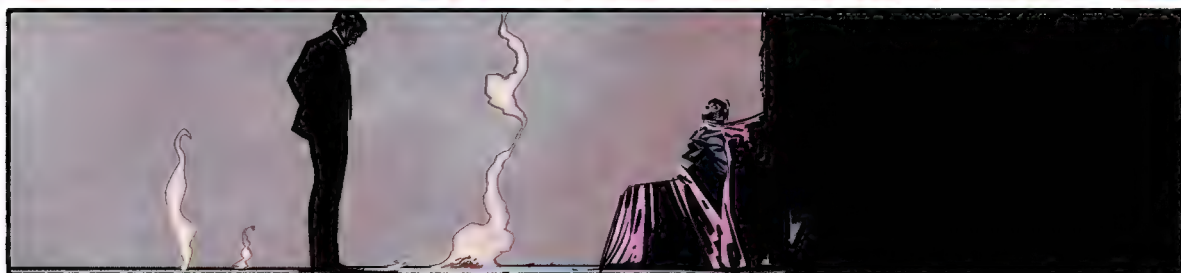
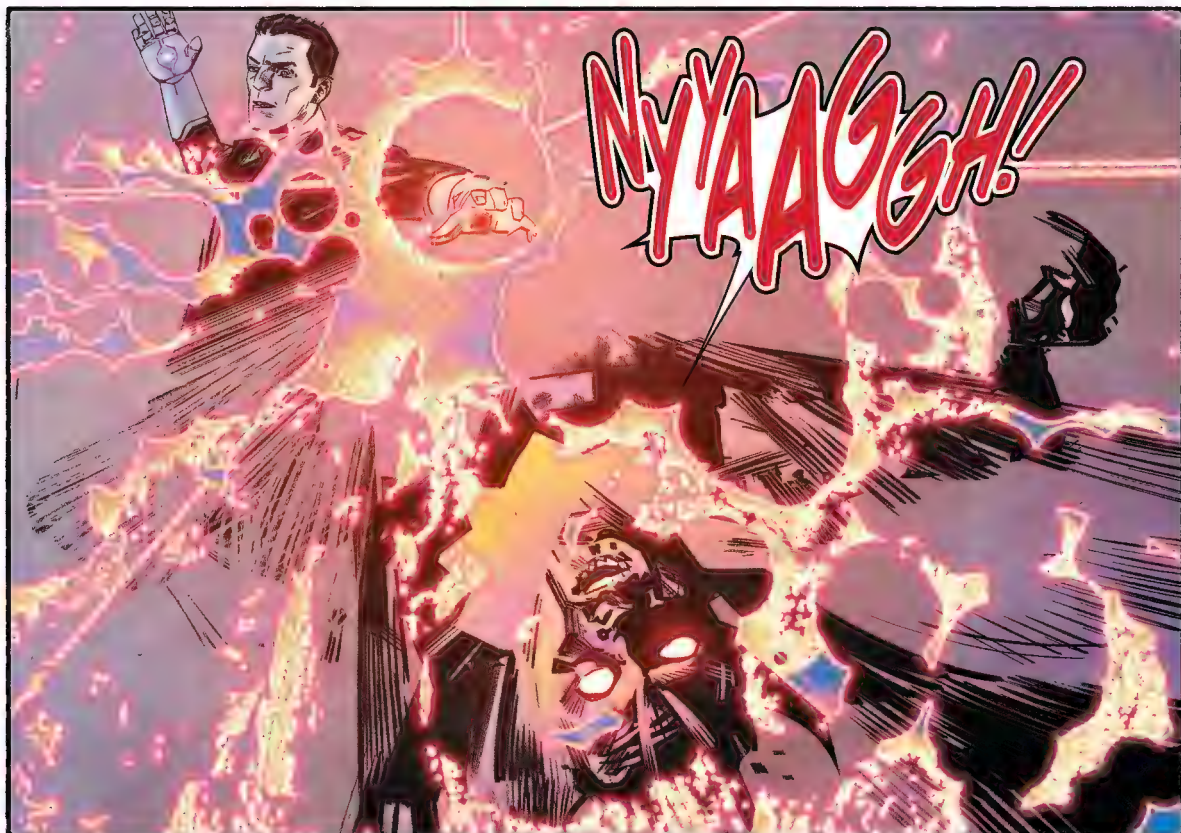




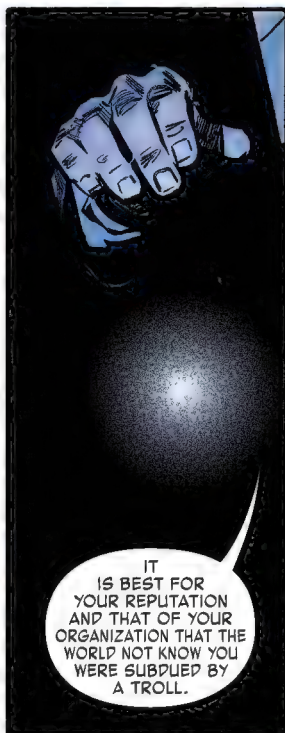








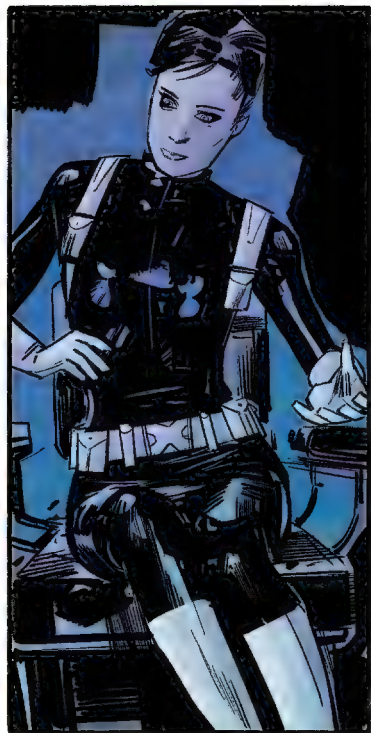
DIRECTOR  
HILL.  
I WILL  
TELL NO ONE  
OF THIS.



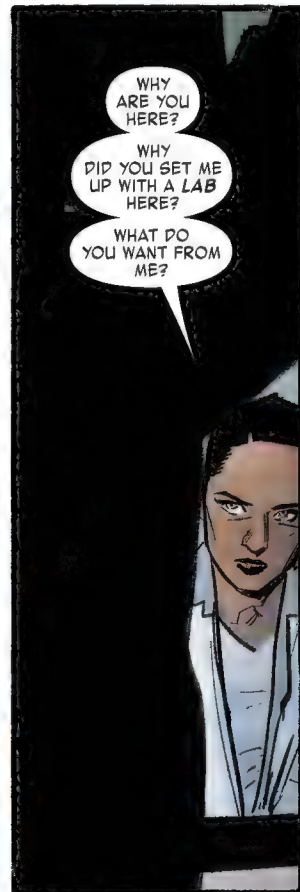
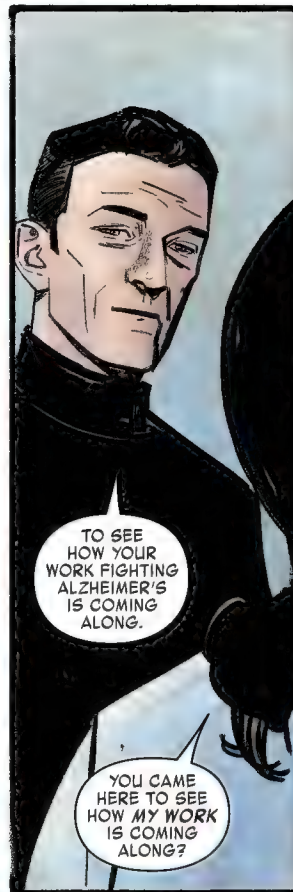
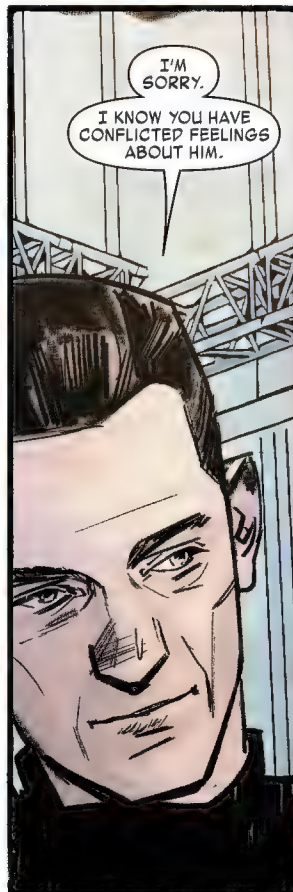
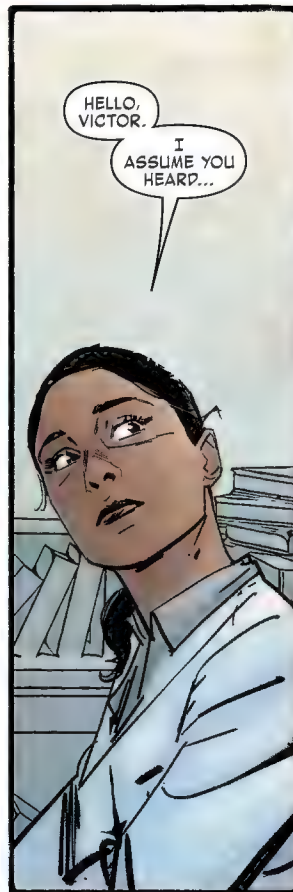
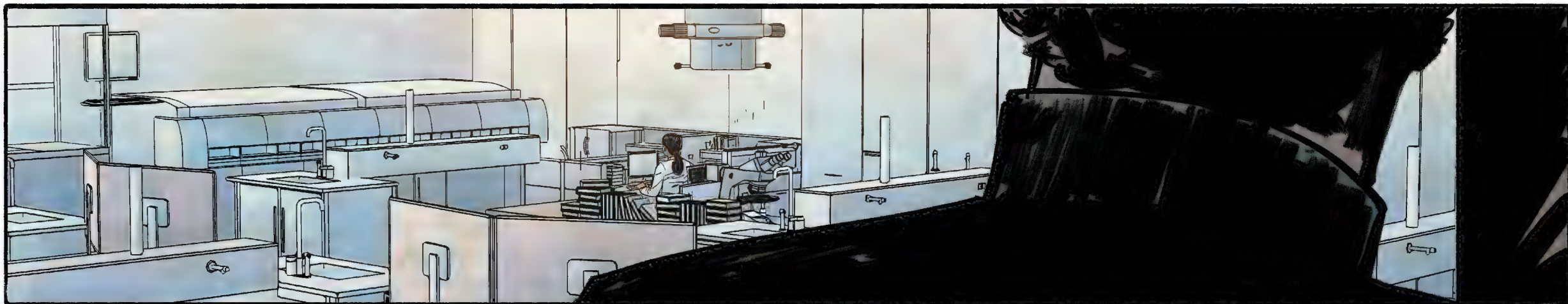
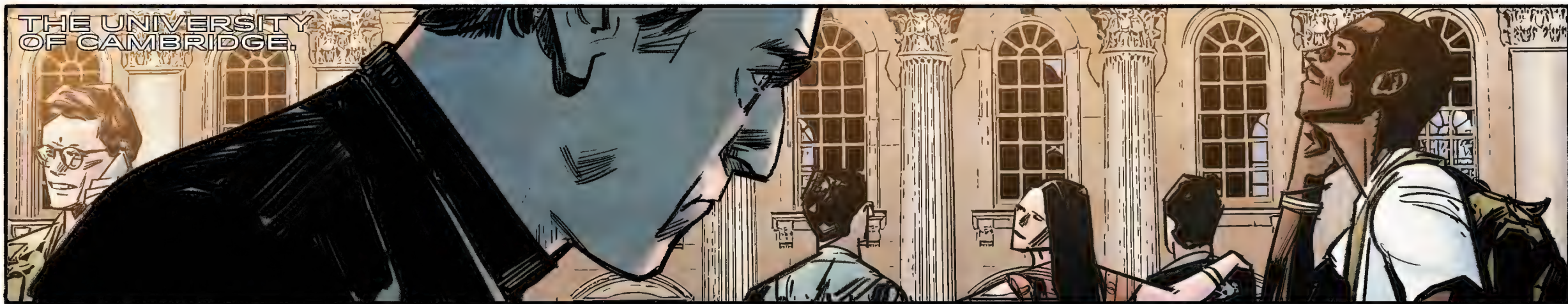
IT  
IS BEST FOR  
YOUR REPUTATION  
AND THAT OF YOUR  
ORGANIZATION THAT THE  
WORLD NOT KNOW YOU  
WERE SUBDUED BY  
A TROLL.









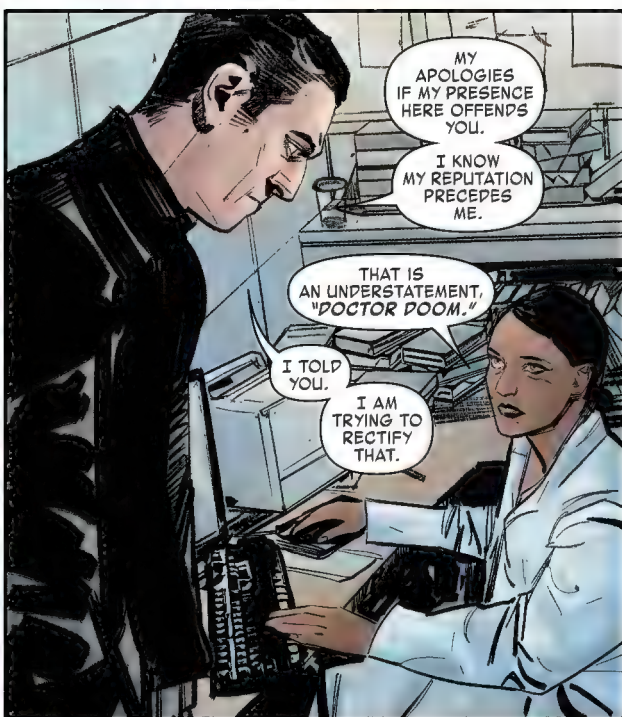






I WAS CONCERNED.

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME.



MY APOLOGIES IF MY PRESENCE HERE OFFENDS YOU.

I KNOW MY REPUTATION PRECEDES ME.

THAT IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT, "DOCTOR DOOM."

I TOLD YOU.

I AM TRYING TO RECTIFY THAT.



AND I TOLD YOU--

YOUR WORDS HAVE STAYED WITH ME, DOCTOR.

I CAME HERE TO SAY: I BELIEVE YOU ARE RIGHT.



IF I AM TRYING TO MAKE UP FOR THE HORRIBLE THINGS I'VE DONE IN THIS LIFETIME...

...I NEED TO DO IT WITH THE SAME FLOURISH AND ENERGY WITH WHICH I ATTACKED THIS WORLD.

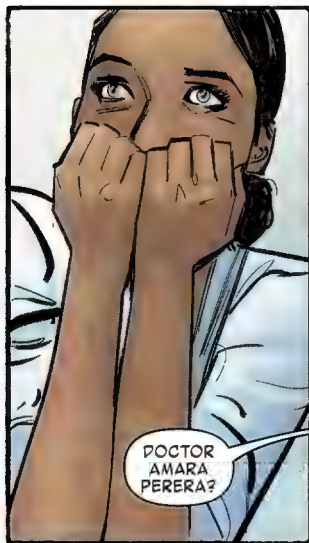
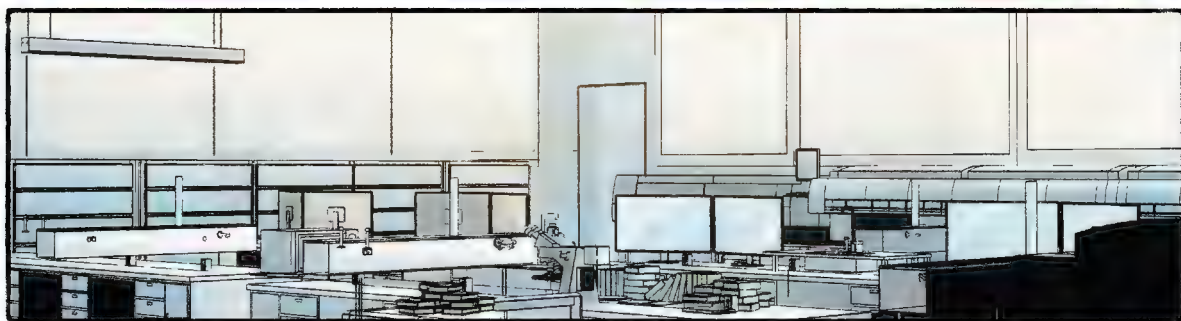
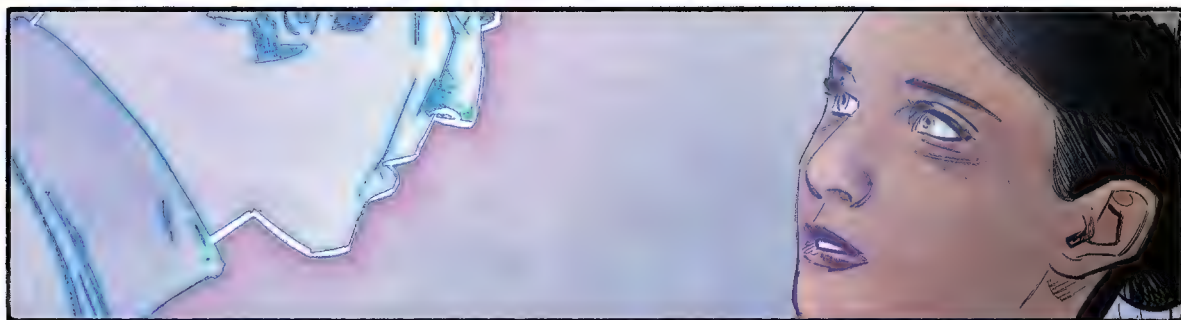
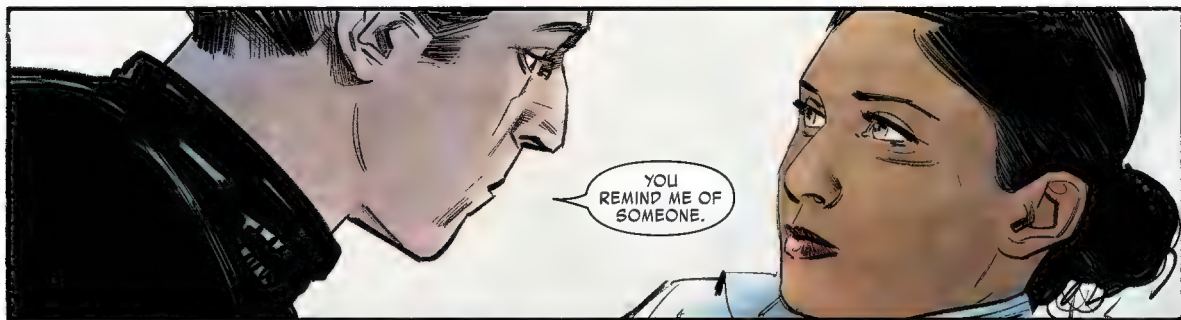
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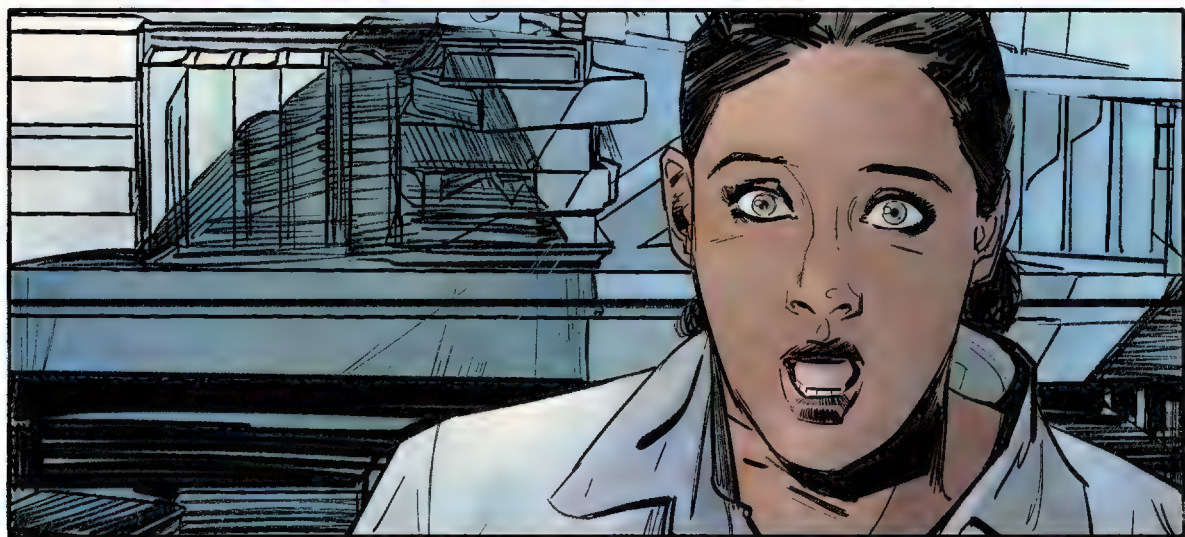
WHY ARE YOU HERE?

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

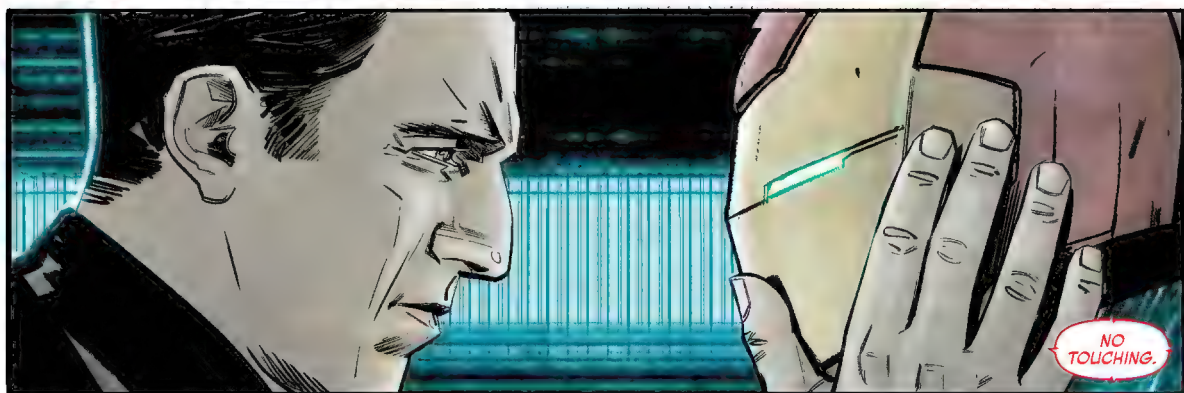
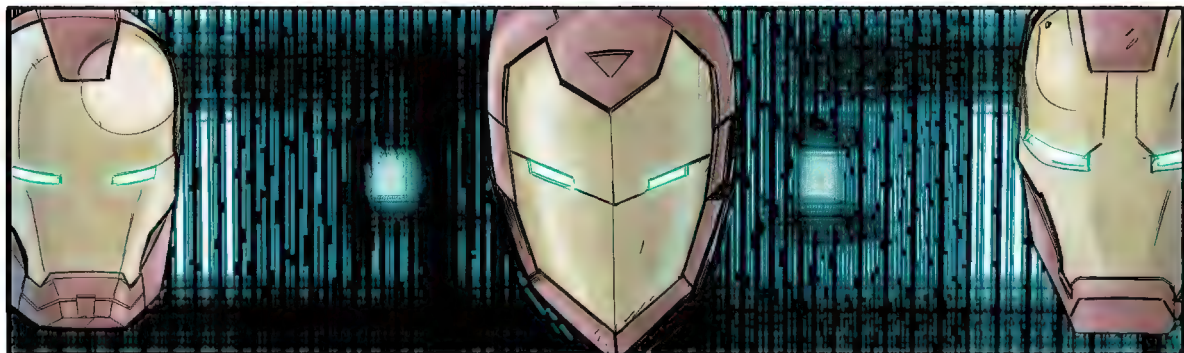
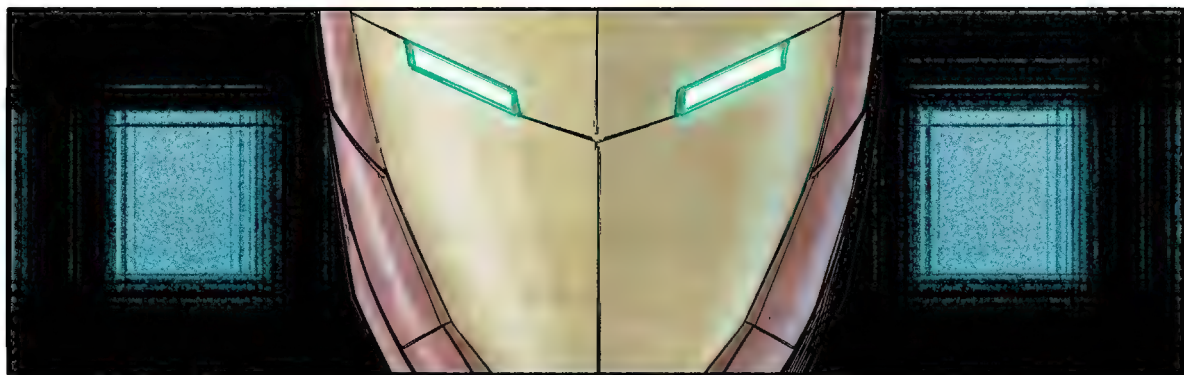




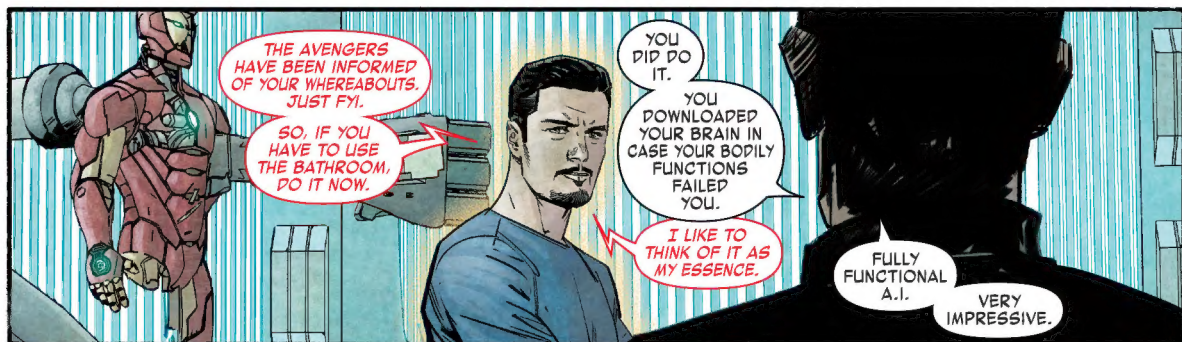




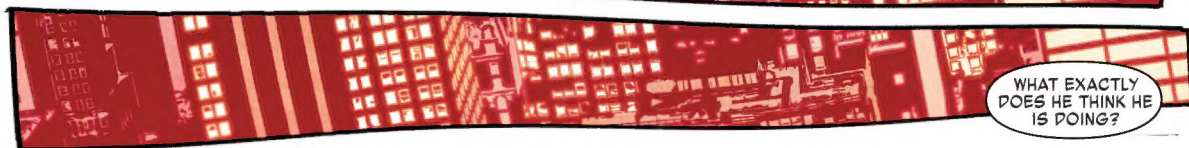
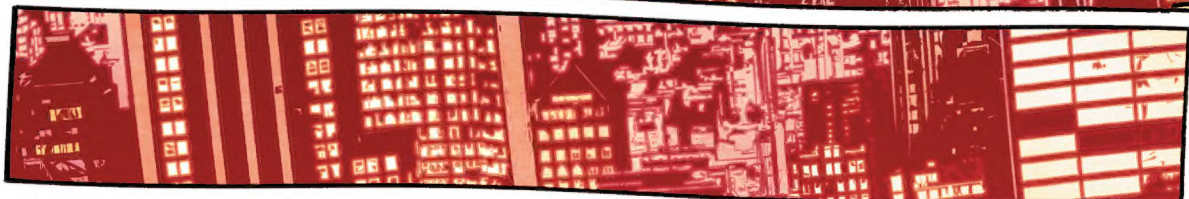




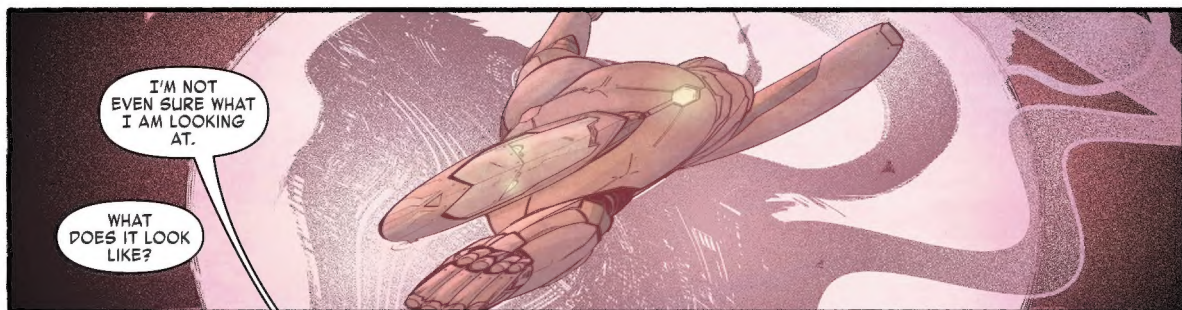














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